organised racket, as mentioned in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Performance audit of Passport, Visa and Consular Services covering the period 2000-01 to 2004-05, 18 cases have come to its notice, where Indian passports were issued by Passport Offices on the basis of forged documents to the nationals of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

(c) The Ministry has not come across any such incident.

(d) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in his report has observed certain deficiencies and has made recommendations to improve the performance of Passport, Visa and Consular services.

(e) and (f) The Government have been taking action against errant officials by sanctioning prosecution by the concerned agencies or through disciplinary proceedings, as required. The Government have also been taking a number of corrective measures to check malpractices and deficiencies in Passport Offices, such as regular and surprise inspections including vigilance inspections of Passport Offices, strengthening of vigilance mechanism in the Central Passport Organisation and ensuring greater accountability in the working of Passport Offices. The Government have also initiated steps to introduce biometric passports.

**Indian Doctors in Britain**

2529. SHRI P.R.RAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the complaints raised by Indian Doctors in Britain that they are victims of racist mind set; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any diplomatic measures to raise this issue?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) Government of India have taken up this issue with concerned UK authorities. The UK General Medical Council (GMC) is examining allegations of prevalence of racism in the work place. GMC has agreed to establish a permanent mechanism with all stakeholders, including British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO), to deliberate on such important issues related to doctors, the report of which could be published as an annual review to make the system more transparent, open and fair to all doctors.

**Urban infrastructure, poverty alleviation and housing projects**

2530. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some projects relating to urban infrastructure, poverty alleviation and housing sector are being implemented in various States including Maharashtra with foreign assistance;

(b) if so, the details of the foreign assistance received by the States during each of the last two years and the details of the projects for which the said assistance was utilized;

(c) whether some more projects are likely to be implemented in the States with foreign assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The donor-wise, Statewise (including Maharashtra) and Loan wise details of Utilization of foreign assistance for Urban Development projects during the last two year are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The projects in urban infrastructure, poverty alleviation and housing sector for foreign assistance are posed by the State Governments to Department of Economic Affairs in Ministry of Finance, which is the Nodal Ministry for such foreign assistance projects. The projects are cleared/approved for assistance as per norms after following due procedure of consultation with concerned Ministry/ Departments as well as the Donor agencies.

***Statement***

*The doner-wise, State-wise and Loan-wise details of utilization of foreign assistance for Urban Development projects during last two years*

Sector-Urban Development

| Sl. No. | Donor/Agency | State | Name of the Project | Amount in Lakhs | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | ADB | Gujarat | 1826-IND-Earthquake Rehabilitation and reconstruction | 39519.60 | 7378.69 |
| 2 | ADB | Jammu and Kashmir | 2151-IND-Infrstruct Rehabilitation Project | 1162.84 | 3113.25 |
| 3 | ADB | Karnataka | 1704-IND-Karnataka Urban Development and Coastal Environment Management | 13394.67 | 9403.61 |
| .4 | ADB | Madhya Pradesh | 2046-IND-Urban water supply and Environment Improvement in M.P. | 227.56 | 2070.31 |
| 5 | ADB | Rajasthan | 1647-IND-Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development Project | 18772.15 | 385.17 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | ADB | West Bengal | 1813-IND-Calcutta Environmental Improvement Project | 4790.66 | 8954.78 |
| 7 | IBRD | Delhi | P-364-0-1N Delhi Water supply and Sanitation Project | 96.85 | 0.00 |
| 8 | IBRD | Maharashtra | 4665-IN-Mumbai Urban Transport Project | 27868.02 | 11167.50 |
| 9 | GOFR France | Karnataka | FRGL-4501-E Digital mapping information Systems for Bangalore | 344.87 | 53.08 |
| 10 | GOFR France | Manipur | FRGL-430 1-E-Imphal Sewarage Project | 485.37 | 0.00 |
| 11 | GOFR France | Tamil Nadu | FRGL-4014-E-Chennai Water Supply and Sewerage | 1405.91 | 326.17 |
| 12 | GOJP-Japan | CC Central Government | IDP-121-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System | 0.00 | 19.95 |
| 13 | GOJP-Japan | CC Central Government | IDP-141-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System (III) | 1064.64 | 274.65 |
| 14 | GOJP-Japan | CC Central Government | IDP-145-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System (IV) | 6191.12 | 847.85 |
| 15 | GOJP-Japan | CC Central Government | IDP-151-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System (V) | 74731.27 | 18669.89 |
| 16 | GOJP-Japan | CC Central Government | IDP-159-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System (VI) | 38637.07 | 24671.88 |
| 17 | GOJP-Japan | CC Central Government | IDP-l70-Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Phase-2 | 0.00 | 16303.70 |
| 18 | IDA | Maharashtra | 3662-IN-Mumbai Urban Transport Project | 4470.99 | 1605.94 |
| 19 | IDA | Mizoram | 3618-IN-Mizoram State Roads Project | 4429.52 | 5278.41 |
| 20 | GOUK United Kingdom | Andhra Pradesh | UKGG-017-Andhra Pradesh Urban Services Improvement for poor | 9695.75 | 11642.87 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | GOUK United Kingdom | West Bengal | UKGG-047-Calcutta Urban Services Improvement for poor Programme | 4721.37 | 6305.79 |
| 22 | UNDP | CC Central Government | 00044242-Capacity Building for Decetralized Urban Governance | 0.00 | 212.55 |
| 23 | UNDP | CC Central Government | IND/03/033-National Strategy for Urban Poor | 912.78 | 856.04 |
| 24 | ADB | MS Multistates | 2166-IND-Tsunami Emergency Assistance (Sector) Project | 198.88 | 1506.71 |
| 25 | IBRD | Gujarat | P-4250-Gujarat Urban Development Project. | 0.00 | 79.08 |
| 26 | IBRD | Karnataka | 4818-IN-Karnataka Municipal Reforms Project | 193.49 | 7883.46 |
| 27 | IBRD | Tamil Nadu | 4798-IN-Third Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project | 7454.43 | 9716.36 |
| 28 | ADB | MS Multistates | 0005-IND-Asian Tsunami Fund Grant | 104.99 | 10692.24 |
| | | | GRAND TOTAL: | 260874.80 | 159419.93 |

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| ADB | Asian Development Bank |
| IBRD | International Bank of Reconstruction and Development |
| GOFR | Government of France |
| GOUK | Government of United Kingdom |
| UNDP | United National Development Programme |
| GOJP | Governtment of Japan |

**Subsidies and interest free housing loan to urban poor**

2531. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people especially poor and middle class family were deprived of having their own homes due to hike in interest rates for housing loan;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering any scheme for providing subsidies and interest free housing loan to urban poor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?